

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – June 20, 2012  
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING ROOM  
30 W. BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioner Peter Silverman had an excused absence. The minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Manoranjan and seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

A progress report on the Hollywood Casino Columbus was presented by Ameet Patel, General Manager. In response to questions from Commissioner Taylor regarding parking and casino conduct rules, Mr. Patel reported that the casino has 120 acres with which to work and will open with nearly 4600 parking spots. There will be no fees for parking with the exception of valet. Some of the parking will be dedicated for trucks and other large vehicles. The casino will be unique in Ohio with its inclusion of a 700 person seated capacity event center. Conduct and dress rules for the casino have been discussed and guidelines will be posted at the time of the casino opening. Commissioner Manoranjan asked about the possibility of a hotel being planned in conjunction with the Columbus facility. Mr. Patel said planning for a hotel has not started, but city zoning applications have been made. Commissioner Manoranjan also asked about hiring statistics for central Ohio. Mr. Patel noted that of the 732 conditional employment offers that have been made, 90% are from central Ohio.

Richard St. Jean, general manager of Hollywood Casino Toledo, gave a brief report, telling the Commission that the Toledo casino has had nearly 300,000 guests to date and that revenues are exceeding expectations. Progress is being made on parking issues, including increased directional signage, and casino management is working to reduce the amount of employee overtime. He noted that about one third of the casino guests were from Michigan.

Executive Director Schuler began his report noting his intent to standardize this portion of the regular Commission meetings by having each of the OCCC Division Directors present a review of activity. Tony Forchione, OCCC Staff, provided a review for the licensing division, reporting that 2284 casino employees have been licensed to date; 1429 in Cleveland, 831 in Toledo, and 24 key employees. Aleah Page, OCCC Staff, reviewed vendor applications and licensing. Thirteen vendors have been licensed and eight applications are pending. In response to questions from Chair Davidson and Commissioner Hoke, Ms. Page noted that of the pending applications, five are being investigated by Spectrum Gaming, and three by OCCC. Executive Director Schuler said that it is the intent of the OCCC to do all of the investigations going forward. Ms. Page also told the Commission that a data base of vendor licenses and any conditions of those licenses has been created so that compliance with the conditions can be tracked.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Staff, reviewed activity by the Division of Regulatory Compliance. The Division currently has eight employees and not only audits each casino's revenue stream but assists the Department of Taxation with the accuracy of tax filings and makes certain all Internal Controls are being followed by casino management.

Karen Huey, OCCC Staff, reviewed activity of the Division of Enforcement. The Division currently has a staff of twenty-eight, with the majority of those at the Cleveland and Toledo casinos. An administrative manager position for each of the casinos has been posted on the state job site. Each administrative manager will provide assistance to all OCCC employees at a particular casino. Ms. Huey recognized Geoff Keener, OCCC Staff, and his work to get the necessary law enforcement agency certification for the OCCC that will allow access to important data. Ms. Huey stated that OCCC will continue to provide training to its gaming agents on casino games, surveillance, financials, ethics, human trafficking, etc.

Laura Clemens, Problem Gambling Program Coordinator, focused on the Voluntary Exclusion Program. Twenty-seven individuals have signed up for the exclusion program. The toll-free helpline for problem gamblers is now being operated and funded by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Ohio for Responsible Gambling, a program started in Ohio to coordinate all of the state and local agencies working in this area, has gained national attention and been nominated for an award.

Ms. Clemens also updated the Commission on the passage of HB 386 which made changes in Ohio's casino law.

Rick Anthony, OCCC Staff, reviewed the status of revenue estimates and reports from the Department of Taxation, noting that year-end figures will be available at the next Commission meeting.

Executive Director Schuler concluded by noting that timelines for the Columbus and Cincinnati casino openings are being developed and OCCC will come up with a range of opening dates after agreement is reached on a timetable of certain logistical deadlines.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-63, adopting the following Administrative Rules which have completed the rule review process:

3772-2-08 Definitions

3772-2-09 Procedures for accessing confidential personal information.

3772-2-10 Valid reasons for accessing confidential personal information.

3772-2-11 Confidentiality statutes.

3772-2-12 Restricting and logging access to confidential personal information in computerized personal information systems.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-64, Insurance Approval for Gaming-Related Vendor Licensees. Licensed vendors are required to certify that they maintain liability, casualty, workers compensation, fire and theft insurance. Exhibit "A", attached to the Resolution, details the insurance held by each licensed vendor. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and it was approved.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-62, granting licenses to thirteen key employees of Multimedia Games, Inc., who had been granted Provisional Licenses on May 9, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and the Resolution was approved.

The Consideration of Final Orders for four Gaming Employee Applicants was brought before the Commission. These individuals all received a notice of intent to deny their gaming employee license application, and chose not to go through the hearing process. To close out these applications a final order is needed from the Commission. Commissioner Brown made a motion for approval of the orders and to grant authority to Chair Davidson to sign the final orders. Commissioner Hoke seconded the motion and it was approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Staff, reviewed for the Commission four proposed amendments to the Internal Control Plans / Player Services- Cage Operations, for the Hollywood Casino Toledo. Mr. Martin noted there was no opposition to these changes from OCCC. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve these amendments, seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Signed,  
Katherine L. Kelly  
Commission Clerk